

CLEAN VERSION

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 16, 30, and 32 as follows:

16. (Fourth Amended) A bookmark for use in between pages of a book having a spine and a binding comprising:

61 a flexible, elongated, intermediate member having a first end and an opposing second end, said member having a predetermined length and thickness, said thickness being of a size to allow said intermediate member to extend between the pages of the book and along the length of the spine of the book without stretching its binding;

a top anchor for abutting the edges of the pages of the book having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a portion of a character including a head end secured to said first end;

a bottom anchor for abutting the edges of the pages of the book having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a second portion of said character secured to said second end;

wherein the length of said intermediate member may be extended from its predetermined length to accommodate books of different sizes; and

wherein said anchors inhibit removal of the bookmark in a direction parallel to the length of the spine when the bookmark is inserted within said book without overlapping the pages or spine of the book.

30. (Fourth Amended) A bookmark for insertion between the pages of a book including a spine and comprising:

a thin, flexible, elongated connector having a first end and an opposing second end, said connector having a predetermined length;

a three-dimensional, first stop for abutting the edges of the pages of the book in the form of a figure having an upper torso supporting a head and a pair of forelimbs located at said first end of said connector;

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2nd a three-dimensional second stop for abutting the edges of the pages of the book in the form of a lower torso portion of said first stop including a retention member for retaining a coiled portion of said connector located at said second end of said connector; and

wherein said stops inhibit the removal of the bookmark in a direction substantially parallel to the length of the spine when the bookmark is inserted between pages of the book without overlapping the pages or spine of the book .

32. (Fourth Amended) A bookmark for use in between pages of a book having a spine and a binding comprising:

a flexible, elongated, intermediate member having a first end and an opposing second end, said member having a predetermined length and thickness, said thickness being of a size to allow said intermediate member to extend between the pages of the book and along the length of the spine of the book without stretching its binding;

GA a top anchor for abutting the edges of the pages of the book having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of the upper body portion of a character including a head end secured to said first end;

a bottom anchor for abutting the edges of the pages of the book having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of the lower body portion of said character secured to said second end; and

wherein said anchors inhibit removal of the bookmark in a direction parallel to the length of the spine when the bookmark is inserted between the pages of the book without overlapping the pages or spine of the book .
